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Harrison School District Notes

Visit With The School—The Old Pool Neighborhood — Organized First Farm Club in The County.

A representative of The Message in company with Profs. W. Clyde Johnson and L. H. Strunk visited Harrison School last Friday, three miles east of Centralia.

It was the "last day of school," Ed. C. Offutt, teacher. A number of patrons came in. We listened to exercises in Arithmetic just before the dinner hour.

Then came the eats. Ah, it was great. Nobody out that way worrying about the high price of food stuffs. We all ate and ate. Prof. Strunk wanted to camp out there, at least till "greens" should come again. The Harrison District ladies gave us of the fat of the land.

After dinner Prof. Strunk addressed the school. Then followed the newspaper man, Prof. Johnson closing.

It was Mr. Offutt's second term in the district. He accomplished a good work. Next week he goes to Canada district to finish out an unfinished term. He will move his family to Mexico for the summer. Mr. Offutt is one of the foremost teachers of the county and any district is fortunate to get his services.

Harrison School District was organized in 1884. S. A. Pool has been clerk of the district since 1901. It has always ranked high with the other districts of the county. Seven Harrison pupils are now in the High School at Centralia. The present directors are: F. H. Marsh, J. A. Shuck and S. A. Pool.

The following were among the pupils enrolled during the present term: Homer and James Pool, George and Mattie Pool, Lee and Bessie Shuck, Emabel and Jim Offutt, Marie Glen and Arnold Jones, Lucy Wigham, and Lorene and Virgil Shuck.

The following persons have taught in the district, beginning with its organization:

J. B. Gass, brother of the late State Superintendent of Schools, Howard A. Gass.

R. J. Hodge.
J. M. Frost.
J. W. Edwards.
Gant Creason.
Mattie Pool.
Mitchell Fox.
Harry Gray.
I. J. Head.
Nellie McKenzie.
Mary Farrington.
Arthur Jennings.
Oscar Stephens.
Nellie Proctor.
Ed. C. Offutt.

The district is called the Old Pool Neighborhood. It was also the home of the Harrison and Woodward Settles families for a long time. The people are wide-awake and progressive. The Farm Club in Harrison District, organized in February, 1916, was the first organized in the county. The officers were: N. S. Schmit, president; Donald Libby, vice-president; S. A. Pool, secretary.

Most every school district in the west part of the county now boasts of a flourishing farmers' club.

The present officers of the Harrison club are: H. L. Libby, president; J. H. Pool, vice-president; Elery Pool, secretary.

"They do things" was an observation made to us concerning the work of the farm clubs.

Harrison is one of the best farming and live stock centers in the county.

Among those who own fine farms and operate them are:

C. B. Mackey.
J. M. Boyle.
Brown Akeman.
E. P. Pool.
Turner Robinson.
Isaac Reed.
H. L. Libby.
J. P. Edwards.
A. D. Crensey.
Homer Weekly.
E. M. Anderson.
Clarence Coleman.
Charles Duff.
B. B. Daniel.

A list of prominent farmers in the district or just outside are:

Frank Marsh. Raises stock. At present is looking after a fine flock of ewes.

H. D. Loyd, farmer and stockman.

Walter Bryson, farmer and stockman.
Cass Jones. Live stock. Wintering a load of cattle.
Weaver Pool, farms and raises stock.

S. A. Pool, farms, raises and trades stock.

C. A. Thummell, moved from Centralia lately to take charge of his 240 acre farm.

Jim Ridgeway, Frank Pool, W. Y. Jones, Scott Ridgeway, Jim Shuck, C. L. Brooks, Reed Jones, John Hartley, G. L. Denham, all intensive farmers, and raise stock.

Jeff. Howard ships cream.

J. H. Jones, old settler, wintering a fine herd of Whiteface cows and heifers.

Griff Cunningham recently came from Kansas City to take charge of his farm.

Homer Wigham has bought a half interest in the W. P. Vance farm and has moved to said farm.

Sam Cooley moved from Iowa, bought Tom Ridgeway 160 acre farm, paying \$80 per acre.

J. A. Cooley, from Iowa, bought Wigham 60 acre farm, paying \$105 per acre. The farm is two miles and a half east of Centralia.

John Pool raises hogs and cattle.

John Hance feeds mules and hogs.

Nick Scmit deals in thoroughbred hogs and Shorthorn cows.

James B. Pool is an old resident. He is 85 years old with a very clear mind and fine recollection.

J. W. Rouse of this city is visiting his sons in Omaha, Nebraska. Nelson Rouse, the youngest son, has recently opened a large Edison parlor on one of the main streets of Omaha.

A traffic officer is stationed in front of a hotel in St. Louis. Two women from the suburbs came to town the other day and the traffic officer waved to them, directing them to the right. Both the women in the wagon waved back and called in their sweetest tones: "Ah, there you!"

Rev. L. B. Coggins has been called to the pastorate of the Martinsburg Christian Church. The Oracle says Mr. Coggins preached for that same church 22 years ago.

Miss Annalee Cobb, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Cobb, southwest of Mexico, is in a very discouraging condition of health, we are sorry to report.

Mr. Glenn Bufford and Miss Lora Beatty, both of this city, were married last Thursday, Judge W. W. Botts officiating. They will reside in Slater.

Mrs. J. M. Cowherd of Mexico has been visiting her daughter north of Sturgeon, Mrs. W. C. Bland. A new son has been born into the Bland home.

J. M. Culbertson of Laddonia, who is 76 years old, fell recently and broke his arm. The accident has caused him much suffering.

T. E. Davenport has moved from the Rush Hill vicinity, to Farber.

Dr. J. B. Hawkins is visiting his old home in North Carolina.

The Burlington Railroad paid F. A. Wertz \$200 an acre for 13 and a fraction acres constituting right of way thru his 700 acre farm northeast of Paris, in Monroe County. It necessitated moving his barn and ran directly by his house and big damages were paid in addition. The Burlington is paying \$200 an acre for prairie land and \$150 on timber land.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Crosby are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Harris, in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. W. H. Stoneberger visited in Fulton last week.

Mrs. J. M. Ruse of Pennsylvania is visiting her sister in this city, Mrs. T. H. Winans.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dearing returned last week from a visit in New Orleans.

Morris E. Dry of this city, son of Ex-Mayor and Mrs. J. W. Dry, is one of the leading members of the debating team of Missouri University. He takes part in the debate with Texas University at Columbia on April 16.

FARM AND STOCK.

Rev. H. I. Cobb has some young horses with the distemper.

James Heinlen has moved to his farm southwest of Mexico.

G. L. Denham, east of Centralia, is feeding a fine bunch of mules.

James E. Booth of the Beaver Dam neighborhood planted potatoes last week.

Frank Harrison has moved from near Rush Hill to the Charlie Heinlen farm southeast of Mexico.

J. A. Jones of the Harrison School District is wintering 40 head of Whiteface cows and heifers.

Thomas Hedden, an industrious young farmer living near Long Branch, marketed 20 tons of baled hay last week.

C. L. Brooks near Centralia in the Harrison district, is feeding a bunch of big fat hogs. At 15 cents he will get the shekles.

J. A. Cooley knows how to appreciate the value of a farm near a good town when he pays \$105 for a 60 acre tract near Centralia.

Wm. Peak, who has been living on the Ernest Vanlandingham place northeast of Molino, has moved 4 miles north of Santa Fe in Monroe county. Mr. Peak made many friends while in the county, who regret to hear of his returning to Monroe, his old home county.

Fred Klusman and sons from out northeast of town have rented the Cunningham farm east of town and will farm there this year. Fred, Klusman and his two sons, Edward and August, will occupy the north part of the place while Henry E. Klusman and wife will live on the south part. They will put out about 200 acres of corn.

Live Stock Reporter: Pollock & Winn, well known stockmen of Audrain County, Mo., had in another load of their Western lambs, 139 head, that averaged 75 pounds and sold at \$14.85, which was but five cents under the top of the market today. And the top today is as high as any lambs ever sold on the market with the exception of spring lambs early in the season.

Auxvasse Review: J. P. Shuman, five mile northeast of Auxvasse, bot 428 bushels of good corn last week from J. L. Hoover and 100 bushels from Robert Crum, both of the Seed Tick neighborhood, paying each \$1.00 a bushel for the cereal. Mr. Shuman also bot three hogs at the administrator's sale of the estate of Rufus Caldwell. The porkers weighed pounds and cost \$73.50.

Ed. G. Gant, of near Laddonia, has bought part of the Green Gant place, 81 acres, two miles southwest of Mexico, paying \$91 per acre. It is well improved and a good farm. Mr. Gant will move to the place after the crop season this summer and will put his children in the Mexico schools. Mrs. Gant before her marriage was Miss Epsie Davis. The Message is glad to have these good people return to our midst.

The Palmyra Herald comments as follows: We print in this issue an interesting letter from Mr. J. E. Snyder, the successful Pennsylvania farmer to whose work we referred several weeks ago. Mr. Snyder has done two things. He has taken a worn-out farm and made it productive. We can cite Marion County men who have done the same thing. John Honekamp has a productive farm which was a patch of cockleburbs when he bought it. Fred. Schlaich has made a productive farm out of one of the poorest farms in the county. But Mr. Snyder raised 175 bushels of corn to the acre last year. Mr. Honekamp did not do this, neither did Mr. Schlaich. Neither did any other farmer in Marion County. Some of our farmers do not believe that Mr. Snyder made an average of 175 bushels. They say it is impossible. These same men formerly said that they did not believe the farmers of California grew 60 bushels of wheat to the acre. They believe it

now. And they will yet believe about the corn. We again say, if Mr. Snyder can do it in Pennsylvania we can do it in Missouri. We evidently do not know it all yet. We need smaller farms and intensive farming. Five acres of corn averaging 175 bushels equals 35 acres averaging 25 bushels. If the 175 bushel average is possible, and it is, we should never stop till we reach it.

Harry Elam paid Pete Erdle \$72 for two calves.

W. J. Woods of Mexico topped the cattle market in St. Louis last week. Woods always deals in fine stuff.

Wood Hoyt at Laddonia bought his farm at \$90 an acre and had an offer of \$95 an acre for his bargain. The Message got his figures a little mixed last week.

Harrison & Yates of Auxvasse shipped a car of corn from Rush Hill for which they paid \$1.00 per bushel.

John Henderson is feeding a load of cattle for the summer market.

At the S. A. Muff sale near Molino last week 28 head of cattle were sold to Azell Brothers at \$56 per head. Mules brought as high as \$380 per span. Corn brought from 95 cents to \$1.20 per bushel.

The date for the Mexico Fair has been set for August 14 to 17 inclusive.

Joseph Wilson near Molino paid \$425 for a span of big mules six months ago and lately sold them to Nathan Vaughn for \$500. It is understood Mr. Vaughn sold them the same week of his purchase for Nathan Vaughn for \$500. It is un-\$517.50.

Mrs. Frank Lee, of East Prairie, Mo., wife of the former editor of the East Prairie Eagle, has 30 hens for which she claims the record for both eggs laid and money produced. These 30 hens during the short month of February laid 486 eggs. This 40 and a half dozen at the market price would have brought \$14.17, but six dozen were sold for hatching, raising the amount to \$19.07. The cost of feeding the hens for the month was \$3.50. During January Mrs. Lee sold \$11.29 worth of eggs from the same hens.

Joe Mongler is feeding two loads of cattle and two of hogs.

Sheep at a public sale near Laddonia the other day brought \$21 per head. Chickens sold as high as \$1.60 each.

Dave Owen sold three Shorthorn heifers at \$300 each.

McGown Bros., of this county, sold 32 head of Hereford cattle to an Oklahoma purchaser for \$4,600.

W. J. Woods is buying war mules. He is an all-around stock man. See him at Middleton's barn March 17.

Harry Elam sold 11 sheep to Peter Erdle of Rush Hill at \$8.50 per head.

The Santa Fe Progress says that Frank Hodge's Jersey cow gave birth to twin calves, both twins, last week. Both calves lived and are doing well.

B. R. Middleton's big mule sale Friday footed up to over \$14,000. Hardin Field bot 32 head for a total of \$6,310. S. R. Allison got a span of mare mules for \$490; Park Johnson span mare mules for \$240; N. Vaughn span gray and sorrel mares \$295; Phil Meyers span bay mares \$400; S. H. Bise span horse mules \$430; same span brown mares \$350; Park Johnson span 4 year old black mares \$350. Frank Vedder span horse and mare \$375; Philip Shire mare mule \$195; J. A. Price 6 year old horse mule \$170; Joe Considine coming 4 year old mare mule \$170; J. C. English coming 4 year old mare \$165; J. A. Price horse mule \$135; T. H. Mildred span black mares, 4 years old, \$330; S. H. Bise span of mares \$255; E. J. Hall mare \$120; Sid Powell span brown mares \$210; J. W. Barnett span mares \$270, span mares \$225 and span of horse mules \$200. W. W. Pollock span black mares \$235; Joe Considine span of mares \$235; J. C. English horse and mare \$290; Saylor Brothers span of mares \$280; T. J. Holtkamp span of

horse mules \$270; B. W. Robinson span of mares \$350; J. W. Sneed a horse and a mare \$250; Ab Romans span mares \$205; Joe Considine span mares \$250; G. W. Green horse mule \$200; R. G. Jolley span of mares \$295.

CHAMP CHIMES.

Oats sowing has been in progress. James E. Booth has planted potatoes. He will make a crop if there is anything in an early start.

Charles Crockett sold hogs to Fred Roberts at 12 1-2 cents.

Mrs. A. B. Weidler has eight hens and two incubators to hatch soon. Clyde Harrison started for Montana first of this week.

Will Heinlen has friends visiting him from Iowa, who are looking for saddle horses.

Mrs. Dr. Reese of Columbia visited her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Dean, last Sunday.

Champ did it again last week when Dieus and Sims topped the St. Louis market with 140 lambs at 14 1-2c.

Miss Lillian Wright of Mexico and Miss Catherine Hickman of Gant spent the week-end with Miss Nellie Booth.

Rev. J. M. Hornback preached to two good congregations last Sunday. He complimented our Sunday School quite highly.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heinlen united with the church by letter.

Mrs. John Foddy has had a fine Rhode Island Red rooster shipped in, which means more ribbons for Champ next poultry show.

Most of our people burned wood the past winter and headed off the coal man, and it will soon be warm enough to go barefoot and head off the shoeman, the miller has a cinch.

Funds are being solicited with which to pay a scout master to have charge of the Boy Scout organization in this city. One person subscribed \$25 to start the fund. That's a good step all right. The Scouts are all anxious for the move to succeed.



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Japanese Banquet For State Editors

The Menu as Far as Practicable to Be "Made-in-Japan," High Priced or No.

"Made in Japan" banquet, where Oriental splendor will mix with American conservatism, will bring to a close the 1917 Journalism Week to be held May 7 to 11 at Columbia by the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri. The idea is receiving the hearty support of Japanese statesmen, especially Viscount Motono, minister of foreign affairs. Viscount Koneko, president of the America's Friend Societies, is also actively interested in the plan.

"The 'Made in Japan' banquet as planned by the School of Journalism is probably the first of its kind in the United States, Dean Walter Williams says. "The menu, as far as practicable, will be Japanese grown products. Souvenirs typical of the industries and exports of Japan will be distributed to the visiting journalists."

A Japanese decorator will come from Tokio or New York to superintend the decorations. Two Japanese steamship lines, the Toyo Kisen Kaisha and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, have agreed to give precedence to the shipments of the souvenirs over all other articles.

The movement is meeting with the endorsement of the Japanese government, and they are realizing that the publicity obtained from the banquet will be of much force in cementing the friendship of the two countries.

THE BEST ARTIST'S SERIES.

The second of the C. W. Best Artists' Series was given at Hardin Auditorium last Friday evening. At the closing number of the series, March 23, Mexico's favorite, Mrs. Fanetta Haskell, will give an evening of her rare entertainments.

The company of Friday evening was greeted with a large and appreciative audience. Miss Lois Brown held the closet attention in her renditions from Verdi, Liszt, Chopin, Scriabine and Victor Staub. The violinist, Winston Wilkinson, had a large and well selected repertoire, his selection from Kreisler especially showing the high perfection of the violin as approaching that of the human voice.

Those who anticipated much from the baritone, Francis Allan Wheeler, were not disappointed. In his ready response to encores he gave "Because" most effectively. "I want to Roll to Rio," words by Kipling, was a rollicking song that awoke response in many a heart.

Don't fail to secure seats for March 28. Mrs. Haskell will be greeted with a good audience.

Mrs. L. N. Gordon of Kansas City is the guest of her parents here, Judge and Mrs. W. W. Botts.

"Uncle" Gray Hook celebrated his 87th birthday last week. A number of friends called to see him. He was also given a post card shower.

April 6 and 13 are to be Arbor days in the schools of Missouri this year.

The home of Boone Thornton was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. Small part of the home saved. Some insurance.

Lawrence Precht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Precht of this city, is taking a course in the Business College at Chillicothe.

Dr. D. T. Moore is the new Exalted Ruler of the Mexico Elks. Theodore Williams has been elected as delegate to the Grand Lodge to be held in Boston in July.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. McPheeters have returned from Columbia to Mexico to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith have moved back to Mexico from Boonville.

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